

German Collections in Russian Archives

Purpose

Summarize the history of German presence in various locales of the Russian Empire. Identify the archives that house records of their experience and dealings. The archives are located in the modern countries of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova. I have visited these archives and have inventoried the collections. I can also summarize what materials have been acquired by the Family History Library from these collections.

Central Collections

St. Petersburg Lutheran Consistory Collection

- ❖ Church book duplicates sent to St. Petersburg Consistory, 1832-1885
- ❖ In Fond 828, opis 14, 274 v. on 135 rolls filmed in State Historical Archive in St. Petersburg
- ❖ Digital collection on RecordSearch pilot (Search Records tab at familysearch.org)
- ❖ Church book duplicates after 1885 are in the St. Petersburg City Historical Archive

Moscow Lutheran Consistory Collection

- ❖ Lists of parishioners; lists of Lutherans sent to Siberia 1857-1860; parish and financial registers
- ❖ In Fond 1629, 180 items, 1643-1935

Kurland Lutheran Consistory Collection

- ❖ Church book duplicates sent to Kurland Consistory, 1834-1917
- ❖ In Fond 1952, opis 3-7, 74 v. on 14 rolls filmed in Central Historical Archive of Belarus in Minsk
- ❖ Cataloged as a collection
- ❖ Includes provinces of Kurland (small fraction), Grodno, Kovno, Minsk, Mogilev, Vil'na, and Vitebsk

Mogilev Catholic Consistory Collection

- ❖ Church book duplicates sent to Mogilev, 1828-1918
- ❖ In Fond 1781, opis 30, 36, 46-48; 590 v., filmed in Central Historical Archive of Belarus in Minsk
- ❖ Covers Germans among other ethnic groups
- ❖ Primary collection of church book; duplicates in Saratov (discussed later)

Black Sea Germans

Kishinev Collection

- ❖ Church books, 1877-1940, in Fond 211, opis 22; 68 vols. for 13 places, filmed on 13 rolls)
- ❖ Revision lists, 1835-1858, in Fond 134, opis 2; 74 vols. for 61 places of colonists (includes Germans), filmed
- ❖ Church books originals filmed in Germany
- ❖ Church book duplicates filmed in St. Petersburg

Odesa Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books duplicates sent to the Odessa Lutheran Consistory 1899, 1902-1916 in Fond 891, opis 1, 48 vols.
- ❖ Lutheran church books for Tarutino Okrug Lutheran Consistory 1829-1941, Fond 1184, 263 vols.
- ❖ Catholic and Lutheran church books for Odessa and vicinity, Fond 628 and 630
- ❖ Catholic church books for Krasna, 1917-1939, Fond 447, 22 vols.
- ❖ Family lists in Odessa Meshchan Office
- ❖ Family lists in town offices: Alexanderhilf, Klein-Liebental, Josephstal, Mariental, Kandel, Peterstal, Band, Elsass, Franzfeld, Georgental, Hoffnungstal,
- ❖ Family lists in volost offices: Gross-Liebental, Kandel, Baden, Mannheim, Selz
- ❖ Census 1835, Molochna Mennonite Society, Fond 89

Kherson Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books, Fond 137, opis 40, v. 174-180; Alt Schvedendorf 1899-1907, Marinskoe (Gross-Libental) 1899-1911, Kornay 1909-1911, Ziurichtal 1899-1900
- ❖ 1835, 1858 revision lists, Fond 22, opis 1, 8 v. (1835-Liebental District; 1858- Libental District, Hofnungstal, Kherson Province, Kassel, Bobrinets District, Neudorf)

Mikolayiv Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books mixed with all other religions in Fond 484, 2,400 v. total (half filmed; not sure what was obtained by GRHS)
- ❖ Lutheran and Baptist membership lists, 1923-1928, Fond R-118, 9 v.
- ❖ Catholic church membership books, 1924-1929, Fond R-118, 5 v.

Kirovohrad Collection

- ❖ Catholic church books (Elizavetgrad 1877-1917, Fond 722, 5 v.; Zlatopil 1874-1917, Fond 728, 3 v.)
- ❖ Revision lists for Elizavetgrad 1818-1858, Fond , 13 v.

Simferopol Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church marriages for Tavrida 1877-1891, Fond 142, opis 1, item 63a, filmed
- ❖ Lutheran churches, various fonds (Kerch and Feodosia 1907-1919; Mengermen 1909-1920; Zurichtal 1822-1834, 1889-1891, 1911-1920), filmed
- ❖ Catholic churches, Fond 142 scattered (Simferopol 1886-1904, Rozental 1847-1865), filmed
- ❖ Revision lists for Simferopol District, Fond 414, opis 1, 84 files, filmed on 1 roll
- ❖ Revision lists for Tavrida, Fond 27, opis 14? (not clear identified in inventory)

Dnipropetrovsk Collection

- ❖ Catholic church books, Fond 193, opis 3 (Ekaterinoslav 1895-1920, 7 v.; Kamenskoe 1900-1920, 9 v.)
- ❖ Lutheran church book for Ekaterinoslav, 1900-1920, Fond 193, opis 3, 1 v.
- ❖ Revision lists destroyed

- ❖ Colonists lists, Office of the Overseer for Foreign Settlers in Novorossiisk 1781-1857, Fond 134, opis 1, 100+ files
- ❖ Item 917 / List and information on births of Molochan colonists. . . 1832. 23 colonies divided into Lutheran and Catholic. Includes a list for 1830 for 40 colonies with different names for the colonies. The additional list is a census of total families, men, women (other headers trimmed off). Text in German.

Zaporozhe Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books, Fond R-5593, opis 3 (Neuhofnung 1890-1920, 4 v.; Hochstedt 1898-1912, 1 v., Liuksenburg 1906-1908, 1918-1919, 2 v.)
- ❖ Mennonite church books, Fond R-5593, opis 3 (Verkhnekhortitsa births 1913-1915, 1 v., Gnadenfeld births 1898-1920, 1 v.)
- ❖ Catholic church book, Fond R-5593, opis 3, Gnadenfeld births 1906-1911
- ❖ Revision lists 1811-1858, Fond 12, opis 2 (Vikerau, Grunau, Rosenberg, Kampenau, Mirau, Klein Berder, Marienfeld, Rundelle, Cherdakli, Veseloi, Krasnoselok, Novozlatopol, Trudliuvovkii, Gross-Berder, Klein-Berder, Darmstadt, Shendaum and others)
- ❖ Lutheran residence book for Kherson, house no. 23 1915-1917, Fond 112, opis 1, v. 22

Donetsk Collection

- ❖ Seven Lutheran fonds: 366 Rosenfeld, 392 Liudvigstal, 479 Malaia Orlovka, 480 Petropavlovka and Stepnoe, 482 Aleksandrovka, 484 Grintal, 487 Solntsevo
- ❖ Eight Catholic fonds: 314 Bakhmut, 362 Grintal 1899-1922, 438 Iuzovka, 441 Enakiev, 457 Makeevka, 465 Mariupol, 472 Bergtal
- ❖ Baptist records: 471 Orekhova, 478 Surovo-Lozovaia

Volhynia Germans

Zhytomyr

- ❖ Catholic church books
 - Zhitomir Consistory 1701-1916, Fond 178, opis 3 and 53, 792 v.
 - Individual churches 1823-1918, various fonds, 94 v.
- ❖ Lutheran church books 1900-1919, Volyn' Provincial Administration, Fond 67, opis 8, 66 v.
- ❖ Revision lists, Volyn' Financial Board, Fond 118, opis 14, 357 v. (a few probably deal with Germans)
- ❖ Minutes concerning German colonists 1915-1916, Administration of Sequestered Lands, Fond 109, opis 1, 21 v.

Rivne Collection

- ❖ Catholic church books
 - Ostroz-Rovno 1776-1864, Fond 171, opisi 1-4a, 318 v.
 - Dubno Deanery 1852-1907, Fond 172, opis 1, 98 v.
 - Kremenets Deanery, Fond 245, opis 1, 302 v.)
 - Klevan 1881-1915, Fond 634, opis 1, 1 v.)
 - Novograd-Volyn' and Rovno Deanery 1858-1863, Fond 650, opis 1, 2 v.
 - Zasalav-Ostroz Deanery, Fond 654, opis 1, 28 v.

Lutsk Collection

- ❖ Catholic church books
 - Lutsk-Kovel Roman Catholic Deanery 1600-1835, Fond 297, opis 1, 196 v.
 - Lutsk Roman Catholic Deanery 1738-1914, Fond 22, opis 1, 83 v.
 - Volyn Orthodox Consistory 1860-1881, 1907-1918, Fond 35, 33 v.

Volga Germans

Saratov Collection

- ❖ Catholic church book duplicates (covers all of southern Russian Empire)
 - Mogilev Consistory 1801-1852, 254 v.
 - Tiraspol Consistory 1853-1918, 395 v.
- ❖ Catholic church books 1842-1918, Fond 637, 29 v.
- ❖ Lutheran church books 1834-1918, Fond 637, 44 v.
- ❖ Colonist list 1767 and revision lists 1834-1858, Fond 28, opis 1-2, 24 v.
- ❖ Colonist list 1766, Saratov Kontora for Foreign Settlers, Fond 180, opis 8, 1 v.
- ❖ Colonist lists 1766-1767, Saratov Archive Commission, Fond 407, 3 v.

Engels Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books 1799-1918, 54 colonies
- ❖ Catholic church books 1795-1920, 18 colonies
- ❖ Family lists in volost offices, 20 colonies
- ❖ Family lists in town offices, 157 colonies

Samara Collection

- ❖ Revision lists 1850, 1858, Fond 150, opis 1, 11 v., 100+ colonies, filmed on 12 rolls
- ❖ Refugee lists and census records 1914-1918, Samara Lutheran Council, Fond 383, 4 v.

Volgograd Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books 1835-1919, 77 colonies
- ❖ Revision lists 1834-1857, 50 colonies
- ❖ Information courtesy of Brent Mai, Concordia University, Portland, Oregon

Caucasus Germans

Tbilisi Collection

- ❖ Lutheran church books, Fond 489, opis 7, filmed:
 - Tiflis 1873-1916, 1 v.
 - Marienfeld 1841-1921, 3 v.
 - Novotiflis 1873-1890, 2 v.
 - Elisavettal 1901-1929, 1 v.
- ❖ Catholic church books for Tiflis 1796-1912, Fond 489, opis 7, 14 v., filmed